

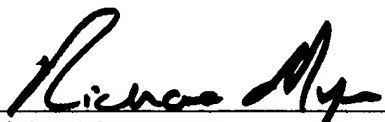
Petition for an Extension of Time

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for an extension of one month to July 7, 2003 (Monday) for the period in which to file a response to the outstanding Office Action. The required fee of \$55.00 is attached hereto.

From the foregoing, further and favorable reconsideration is requested in the form of a Notice of Allowance and such action is believed to be in order.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response or the Application in general, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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